Penalities Imposed on Red Line Operators

1290. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Red Line buses are causing a number of accidents in Delhi;

(b) whether bus operators have complained against the penalties imposed on them for the fault of drivers and conductors; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Instances have come to the notice of Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have issued instructions to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to take stringent action against drivers driving rashly and negligently and violating the traffic rules. State Transport Authority of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been directed to cancel/suspend the licences of erring drivers.

The State Transport Authority have started refresher courses for the drivers of red line buses. Red Line bus drivers are made to undergo a proficiency test at Government Motor Driving Training School of the Transport Department.

The steps taken by Delhi Traffic Police to make driving safe in Delhi are special drives/ random checking against traffic violations, introduction of traffic signals/blinkers in accident prone areas and strict punitive action against violators of traffic rules/regulations.

Mobile squads for checking smoke emitting vehicles in Delhi

1291. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made rules to ban/challan of smoke emitting vehicles in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of smoke emitting vehicles are moving in Delhi frequently; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of mobile smoke checking squads working at present in Delhi to ban/ challan of smoke emitting vehicles;

(e) whether Government propose to increase more smoke checking squads in the capital to control pollution; and

(f) the number of challans made during the last six months and the amount earned by the Govenment as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 23277 challans were made during the period April, 1990 to June, 1993.

(c) The Transport Department of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have intensified their pollution checking drive through the various static units and mobile centres. Between March, 90 and June, 93, approximately 9.52 lakh vehicles have been challaned and warning slips to about 3.48 lakh vehicles which were not conforming to the pollution standards have been issued. In spite of these best efforts, the chances of plying of smoke emitting vehicles cannot be ruled out particularly in view of the fact that the number of motor vehicles in Delhi is quite large.

(d) Twelve.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) During the last six months 4,762 challans have been made and a sum of approximately Rs. 17.2 lakhs have been recovered from the defaulters.

Fund allocated from Central Road Fund

1292. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount from the Central Road Funds provided to the State of Punjab during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what were the details of the amount allocated in 1992-93 and how much has been utilised;

(c) what is the total number of roads developed in Punjab during 1992-93;

(d) how many roads are proposed to be undertaken for development during 1993-94; and

(e) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government of India for providing funds for strengthening the road between Ludhiana and Chandigarh by putting pre-mixed material on the road to make it more smooth and strong as the present road is built by old method which is quite bumpy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Under the Central Road Fund (CRF) no funds were released for Punjab during 1992-93 as also for 1993-94 so far.

(c) No road was approved for development under Central Road Fund during 1992-93.

(d) and (e) During the current financial year, the following two schemes costing Rs. 484.73 lacs have been approved against the accruals as per Old Resolution for Punjab upto the end of 31-3-95 :—

Name of Scheme	Estimated Cost
1. Strengthening Phagwara-Banga-Balachaur road from Km. 0 to 55.400	Rs. 270.17 lacs
2. Strengthening weak pavement and providing hard shoulders Km. 69.50 to 78.56 of Ludhiana-Chandigarh road.	Rs. 214.56 lacs

देश में सड़क दुर्घटनाएं

1293. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

डा. जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 18 जून, 1993 के "दि टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "रोड डेथस इन इंडिया वार्न दि इंक्वीज" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि देश में वाहनों की संख्या विश्व में कुल वाहनों की संख्या का मात्र एक प्रतिशत है जबकि देश में होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या दुनिया भर में होने वाली कुल दुर्घटनाओं का छह प्रतिशत है,

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का आकलन क्या है,

(घ) क्या सरकार वाहन चालकों को दिए जाने वाले प्रशिक्षण के स्तर और सड़कों की दयनीय दशा, जो कि देश में सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के मूल कारण हैं, सुधारने के लिए कोई कार्य-योजना बना रही है, और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) विश्व की वाहन संख्या अथवा विश्व की सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के बारे में प्रामाणिक सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है। तथापि विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस (7 अप्रैल, 93) के अवसर पर प्रकाशित एक पत्र के अनुसार यह सूचना दी गई है कि सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के कारण प्रति वर्ष 7 लाख व्यक्तियों के जीवन की हानि होती है। वर्ष 1992 के दौरान भारत में मारे गए व्यक्तियों की अनुमानित संख्या 59,000 है।

(घ) और (ङ) राष्ट्रीय सड़क सुरक्षा नीति पत्र के मसौदे को अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है जिसमें सड़क दुर्घटनाओं—सड़क, वाहन तथा सड़क पर्यावरण के लिए उत्तरदायी सभी तत्वों का ध्यान रखा जाएगा। ड्राईवरों के प्रशिक्षण की गुणवत्ता में सुधार लाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों द्वारा अनेक मॉडल प्रशिक्षण स्कूल पहले ही स्थापित किए जा चुके हैं और देश में ड्राईविंग कुशलता का स्तर बढ़ाने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय सुगम्य स्थान पर राष्ट्रीय सड़क सुरक्षा संस्थान स्थापित किया जा रहा है तथा इसके अलावा शीघ्र ही 4-5 क्षेत्रीय संस्थान स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Development Of National Water Way

1294. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development work has been undertaken to the National Water Way (West Coast Canal) after the act was passed by Parliament in August, 1992; and

(b) if so, the expected time to be taken for the completion of the development work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The first stage of development works is expected to be completed in 5 years and the balance work such as provision of additional terminals would be taken up commensurate with the growth of traffic, technical considerations and availability of resources.

1295. *[Transferred to 12th August, 1993]*

Repairs of National Highway in Assam

1296. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: